MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, enquiries have been made from year to year and they have been found to be of no use.

Fishing in the Backwaters of Quilon.

153. ✻ MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the fishermen carrying on fishing in the backwaters of Quilon petitioned to them that 'Kamba Valas' are used jointly and with stones tied to their bottom extensively in the lake;

(*b*) whether such fishing is detrimental to the development of fisheries in the State;

(*c*) whether the Professor of Marine Biology and Fisheries toured round and was convinced of the existence of such methods of fishing; and

(*d*) what action did the Government take to prohibit such methods of fishing?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A notification has been published in the Gazette, dated 2-12-1941, warning the fishermen against the use of nets (Kamba Vala) joined together and with stones tied to their lower ends.

Visitors for markets.

154. ✻ MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the desirability of appointing visitors, official or non-official, for the important public markets in the State;

(*b*) whether hooligans enter the markets and trouble the petty sellers of goods to get something from them;

(*c*) whether there is any one to take care of the sanitary condition of the markets; and

(*d*) whether there is any one to look after the improvements of the markets?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Yes; the officers of the Land Revenue and Public Health Departments.

(*d*) Yes; the officers of the Land Revenue Department.

Opening of a dispensary at Azhagappapuram.

155. ✻ MR. D. FRANCIS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received an interpellation last year for opening a dispensary at Azhagappapuram;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action have they taken for opening the dispensary; and

(*c*) whether they have under consideration a proposal to establish a dispensary there?

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Tahsildar, Agastiswaram, has been requested to furnish certain information regarding the place.

(*c*) Government do not at present and in view of their recently declared policy favour the opening of new Dispensaries at Government cost.

Nalkalikal Bridge.

156. * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent on and the reason for not completing the construction of the Nalkalikal bridge last year on the Aranmula-Pandalam road ;

(*b*) whether there is provision in current year's budget for completing the construction of this bridge ; and

(*c*) the nature of the work done so far during current year in connection with the construction ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Rs. 3,339-9-6. The work is delayed pending the acquisition of the lands required for the purpose.

(*b*) Funds to the extent of Rs. 10,000 are made available for the work this year.

(*c*) Pile driving is completed. Pier moulding work is in progress. Earth work for forming approaches is more than half done. The platform work will be taken up as soon as the required steel is brought to the site.

The Chengannur District Dispensary buildings.

157. * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state how many times the work of construction of the Chengannur District Dispensary buildings was stopped and the duration of the suspension of work at each time and the reasons for such suspension ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : The work was stopped once for a period of 3 months for revision of estimate with a view to reducing the cost.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the old building, which contained the in-patient ward, has been shifted further east ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : Government have no information.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether they are aware that there is an old building in the site acquired by Government ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the purpose for which it is going to be utilised by Government ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : It is understood that the proposal is to convert that into one of the wards of the hospital by making suitable adjustments.

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